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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND A TIER I OPERATING PERMIT

PROPOSED ACTION: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209.05.c, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and opportunity for a public hearing for the Department of Energy, Idaho National Laboratory – Idaho Nuclear Technology, Engineering Center (INTEC) and the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU), located within the boundaries of the INL facility and Butte County, Idaho, under docket No. AQ-0705. This permit to construct allows for the construction of a new liquid waste treatment unit which utilizes steam reforming technology. The projected emissions increases include, but are not limited to the following pollutants; 32 tons per year of nitrogen oxides, 5.2 tons per year of sulfur dioxide and 1.4 tons per year of carbon monoxide. DEQ proposes to issue Permit to Construct No. P-060520 and administrative amendments to Tier I operating permit No. T1-060521.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY:</u> Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.364, opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before March 27, 2007. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The application materials, the proposed permit and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, joan.lechtenberg@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list server and receive electronic information automatically at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

If you do not have web access you may review the materials on our website at the DEQ Regional Office located at 900 Skyline, Suite B, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Ken Hanna at (208) 373-0502 or Kenneth.Hanna@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, April 9, 2007.

DATED this 1st day of March 2007.

Joan Lechtenberg Air Quality Division